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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Swaziland Bureau--June 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Early in the morning of 12 June, SAPA reported police roundups of anti-apartheid group leaders in various parts of South Africa, evidently to preempt the planned anti-government activities on Soweto Day, 16 June. Media observers felt the government was acting because it had failed to have parliament pass two new security laws, which were turned down by the Indian and colored houses of parliament. In midmorning, SAPA reported a statement by P. W. Botha declaring a state of emergency throughout the country and giving the police expanded powers to deal with the unrest. The powers included the right to detain anyone on the police officer's own authority--and without releasing the name of the detainee. Severe restrictions were placed on the right of the press to report on incidents relating to unrest or "subversion," and two papers, the SOWETAN and the WEEKLY MAIL, were impounded to make the government's point. On the 16th all news coverage of township unrest was banned, and on the 21st gag orders were put on most anti-apartheid group leaders.

2. The South African restrictions on the press have had a definite effect on bureau coverage. From a record high of 674,000 words the month before, bureau wordage has slipped to 621,000, still the second highest total ever. Most importantly, virtually all independent reporting on the unrest has dried up with the restrictions. Sources like SAPA, which provided a fair amount of independent reporting, have reduced their reporting to government announcements or occasional statements by policemen. Anti-government group leaders, who previously were frequently quoted, are no longer cited, with the exception of Bishop Tutu. Even Umtata Radio, which carried independent reports from its own correspondents, some of whom have reportedly been detained, has drastically cut back on reports relating to the unrest. Reports from parliament, which was being used by the opposition Progressive Federal Party to announce unrest information, were halted when the government suddenly adjourned parliament. Both news reporting and editorial comment by papers covered by the bureau have been effected. The press has not rolled over and played dead, however, carrying announcements that sensitive material had been removed because of the new rules, as well as white space to protest the restrictions, prompting a warning from Deputy Information Minister Nel

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that the press had better cooperate.

3. The state of emergency has provoked a violent response by the ANC, and bombs have killed and injured both white and black civilians in Durban, Johannesburg, Pretoria and other places. The ANC has not claimed responsibility for the attacks, but Umtata Radio's correspondent in Harare reported ANC sources as saying such attacks did not need to be acknowledged since the black people in South Africa knew who was responsible. As criticism mounted, however, ANC leaders sought to play down charges of a change in policy.

4. During the month, two prominent British visitors toured South Africa. Terry Waite, representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury, toured the country to examine treatment of Anglicans and shadow Foreign Minister Dennis Healey visited despite government statements that the visit was "inconvenient." The bureau reopened on Saturday evening, the 21st, to cover Waite's final press conference to protect BBC interests, although what he said was restricted due to the state of emergency. Reporting on Healey's statements was even more restricted, although the bureau filed virtually all reports on his visit priority in response to a BBC request for prompt and full coverage of the visit.

5. On the 2nd, UNITA announced that the long-awaited Angolan government offensive was underway, and both Luanda Radio and UNITA's KUP press agency carried claims and counterclaims of battle successes. Luanda Radio reported on the 6th that the South African Defense Force had carried out a raid on Namibe Harbor to sabotage Soviet and Cuban supply ships, which the South Africans refused to acknowledge. The USSR deputy minister of foreign affairs arrived on the 23rd for a visit and the MPLA Central Committee began meeting 2 days later.

6. On the 14th, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda declared a partial mobilization to counter what he said was a planned South African attack. As the announcement was made on a Saturday, the bureau brought a monitor in for 2 hours in the evening to cover the major Lusaka news casts for further information as well as to cover the major Johannesburg casts, with an editor and teletypist on standby.

7. Bureau carried out a cruising survey of Gaborone Radio during the month.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Part-time Associate Editor [] returned from maternity leave on 2 June. She has also been approved as a local hire part-time employee and is no longer on contract status.

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2. Afrikaans Monitor [] received a QSI effective 11 May 1986. A certificate was presented to [] on 2 July at a bureau ceremony.

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3. New Bureau Chief [] and family arrived PCS from Washington on 17 June.

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4. Bureau Chief departed Mbabane PCS returning to CONUS on 24 June.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for JUNE 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

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| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 621250 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 18540 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1481 |

| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week) | 5715.00 min. | 11310.00 min. | 139.00 issues |
| III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month) | | | |

ANGOLA

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|--|------|---|--|
| Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese | 7220 | | |
| Luanda ANGOP in English | | 0 | |
| Luanda ANGOP in French | | 0 | |
| Luanda ANGOP in Spanish | | 0 | |

BOTSWANA

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| Gaborone Domestic Service in English | 5280 | | |
| Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English | | | 0 |

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| (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola | 0 | | |
| (Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe | 0 | | |
| (Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe | 0 | | |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola | 0 | | |
| (Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa | | 750 | |
| (Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa | | 550 | |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa | | 160 | |
| LESOTHO | | | |
| Maseru Domestic Service in English | 980 | | |
| Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho | 0 | | |
| Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in seSotho | | | 0 |
| Maseru NATION in English | | | 0 |
| Maseru THE COMET in English | | | 0 |
| MADAGASCAR | | | |
| Antananarivo Domestic Service in French | 0 | | |
| MALAWI | | | |
| Blantyre Domestic Service in English | 90 | | |
| Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English | | | 0 |
| Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English | | | 0 |
| MOZAMBIQUE | | | |
| Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese | 10770 | | |
| Maputo in English to Southern Africa | 5100 | | |
| Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese | | | 0 |
| Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese | | | 0 |
| Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese | | | 0 |
| NAMIBIA | | | |
| Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans | 0 | | |
| Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans | | | 0 |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
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| Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans | | | 0 |
| Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English | | | 0 |
| Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English | | | 0 |
| SENEGAL | | | |
| Dakar PANA in English | | 11020 | |
| Dakar PANA in French | | 560 | |
| SOUTH AFRICA | | | |
| Johannesburg International Service in English | 7620 | | |
| Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans | 1960 | | |
| Johannesburg Domestic Service in English | 29100 | | |
| Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans | 10390 | | |
| Johannesburg Television in English | 21590 | | |
| Umtata Capital Radio in English | 16690 | | |
| Johannesburg SAPA in English | | 337010 | |
| Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans | | | 0 |
| Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English | | | 0 |
| Durban ILANGA in Zulu | | | 0 |
| Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans | | | 0 |
| Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English | | | 2500 |
| Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English | | | 0 |
| Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese | | | 0 |
| Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans | | | 0 |
| Johannesburg SOWETAN in English | | | 0 |
| Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English | | | 1220 |

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| Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English | | | 2890 |
| Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English | | | 630 |
| Johannesburg THE STAR in English | | | 3250 |
| Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English | | | 5290 |
| RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers | | | 88980 |

SWAZILAND

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| Mbabane Domestic Service in English | 130 | | |
| Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati | 400 | | |
| Mbabane Television in English | 0 | | |
| Mbabane Television in siSwati | 0 | | |
| Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English | | | 0 |
| Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English | | | 0 |
| Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English | | | 0 |

UNITED KINGDOM

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| London BBC World Service in English | 21390 | | |
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USSR

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| Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa | 2330 | | |
| Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa | 820 | | |
| Moscow in English to Southern Africa | 4620 | | |

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| Lusaka Domestic Service in English | 5870 | | |
| Lusaka Radio Freedom in English | 0 | | |

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| Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa | 0 | | |
| Lusaka Voice of Namibia English | 0 | | |
| Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English | | | 430 |
| Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English | | | 0 |
| Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English | | | 0 |
| ZIMBABWE | | | |
| Harare Domestic Service in English | 13660 | | |
| Harare Domestic Service in English | 0 | | |
| Harare Voice of Namibia in English | 0 | | |
| Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English | | | 0 |
| Harare THE HERALD in English | | | 0 |
| Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English | | | 0 |